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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ruppert et al.
Serial No.: 09/781,795
Filed: February 12, 2001
Art Unit: 3611
Examiner: Vanaman, F.
For: LOW FLOOR DRIVE UNIT ASSEMBLY FOR AN
 ELECTRICALLY DRIVEN VEHICLE
Docket No.: 60,130-1004 (96AUT013)

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 5, 2004, applicant requests consideration of the following arguments.

Claims 23-31, 33-41, 43-46, 48-55, and 57-58 remain in the application including independent claims 23, 28, 29, 37, 40, 41, 48, 51, and 57. Claims 32, 42, 47, and 56 have been cancelled. Claims 28-31, 33-35, 37, 40-41, 43-46, 48-55, and 57-58 are allowed. Thus, this leaves claims 23-27, 36, 38, and 39 as the only rejected claims.

Claims 23, 24, 26, 27, 36, and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anglada (US 1543044) in view of Varela (US 5435793). The examiner admits that Anglada fails to teach first and second planetary gear sets located in the respective